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## MEN NEEDED TO OFFICER SHIPS

In several Atlantic ports cargo ships are riding at anchor—desperately needed tonnage is lying idle—because men are not available to officer the vessels. Until we entered the war, few Americans were employed in the merchant marine. When the demand came for officers we could not supply it. The shipping board opened a number of navigation schools to give men with previous experience in seamanship the training necessary to qualify for officers' billets. Enrollment has been heavy, but it hasn't begun to fill the need. As the size of army across the sea increases and the need for supplies grows greater, there is a more urgent demand for men to handle ships.

The pay is big and the opportunity for advancement is great, but sufficient men have not volunteered for the service. Though this is no reflection on our sea-faring citizenry—if all the qualified men should enter the schools, there would not be enough to fill the requirement. But it does impress the fact that every man who can officer a ship should take the course of instruction.

There are many men in West Florida who would make excellent officers, and few from this section have enrolled. Several have expressed their willingness to do so, but feel that they cannot bear the expense incidental to the course at Mobile, where the nearest school is located.

There seems good possibility, however, of securing a school or a branch school at Pensacola. When W. H. Reynolds, the man who was instrumental in locating a school at Mobile, visited here a few days ago he urged that the men of West Florida who have maritime experience be asked to come to the aid of the government. He says that if the men are willing to attend the school and cannot go to Mobile, he will work to have a school organized here, because he realizes that the important thing is to train the men, regardless of where the training is given.

If the sailors of West Florida are sincere, as they no doubt are, in their desire to qualify as officers in the merchant marine, this is the time to signify their willingness to serve.

If a sufficient number will promise to enroll it is very probable that a course of instruction will be available here. Should that plan not prove feasible, some of them could very probably arrange to attend the nearest school. No branch of government service pays better wages, none promises more in the way of promotion and in no other way can the men give such valuable service in the winning of the war.

Let West Florida again prove that it is solidly behind the government and let our seamen show eagerness to assist in carrying needed supplies to our armies and to our allies.

## THE SUBMARINE MENACE IS BEING CURED.

Some time ago Washington dispatches said the navy was getting the better of the German submarine menace.

A recent piece of news not only confirms this, but gives ground for optimism on the part of every American who wants to see his country win the war.

There is no use burking the facts: the submarine menace was serious, and furnished cause for perturbed thought by the governmental heads of America, England,

France and Italy. With the German U-boats running full tilt, there was not only danger that adequate food and supplies could not be shipped to our allies, holding the lines while we make ready, but there was also the equal danger to our own troops en route to France and their supplies.

And now comes the message that is bound to cheer. The United States government's War Insurance Bureau had fixed a rate of five per cent premium on vessels sailing in the war zone. Late in July the bureau decided this was not adequate, as it had sustained some heavy losses. It raised the rate to 6.50 per cent. This has just been cut 25 per cent.

If this means anything it must mean that the cautious experts in the bureau with all the inside information about the shipping losses and all the facts about the submarine activities, figure the U-boat menace has been reduced 25 per cent since last summer.

The firing of depth bombs, the employment of various devices still kept secret, the increased activity of American destroyers and the larger use of the American plan of convoying merchant vessels—all these things have undoubtedly played their part in offsetting the activities of the kaiser's assassins of the sea.

If this good work is kept up and perfected, the percentage of shipping losses will be further decreased. The vainglorious promises made to the German people by the German rulers cannot be fulfilled. England and France will not be beaten to their knees. The American armies will not be kept on this side of the water.

Instead, it is going to be the happy fortune of our troops to be in at the death of kaiserism.

## GERMANY'S WANING POWER.

Those who still doubt that it is going to be the high privilege and fortune of American armies to assist in the final smashing of the kaiser have but to study what has been going on along the British front since August 1. The Prussian military machine is still formidable, but the ascendancy has definitely passed to the allies.

Colonel E. D. Swinton, inventor of the British war cabinet, which directs British army movements, recently said, that in the early part of the war the French and the British virtually fought the Prussians with bare fists and bayonets. He meant the Germans had tremendous superiority in guns and ammunition.

Slowly the allies increased their manufactures until they finally exceeded the Germans.

The results tell the story. Since August 1 the British have taken over 56,000 German prisoners, the Germans have taken 15,065.

British captures of German artillery demonstrate that when the British determined upon an offensive they were able to push it home. They got back into the enemy territory where the artillery was planted. On the contrary, the fact that Germans captured no English guns shows even where they made counter-attacks they were unable to push the through the first line trenches.

This fact is more highly significant than any one or two victories in battle. Our allies' constant success is bound to have a tremendous effect upon the morale of the contending forces. Tommy goes into battle sure of the outcome. Fritz goes in feeling that he is beaten before he starts. He is a different kind of German from the one who fought in the first two years of the war.

And that is where American may be expected to come in strong next spring and summer. We will put into the trenches the cream of all the forces in the field. This is not a reflection upon the gallant British and French, but they have borne the shock of battle for years. America is the last land that has a great reservoir of fresh youth.

This young energy, enthusiasm and will to conquer is bound to tell. It will inspire and hearten our allies. It will unnerve the Germans and make them still further doubt the use of going on and on when they know there is no chance to win.

Uncle Sam's Christmas gift to the allies may be another call for selective service soldiers.

If you want to talk peace, go to Germany. They need it over there.

## TEN KILLED BY BOMBS IN NANCY, FRENCH TOWN

Paris, Oct. 17.—Ten persons were killed and forty wounded in a bombardment of Nancy last night by German aviators, the war office announced. On Monday and Tuesday twenty-five German airplanes were destroyed by the French, or compelled to land in damaged condition. The communication follows:

"At 6 o'clock last night enemy aviators bombed Nancy violently. Numerous victims among the civilian population are reported. Ten were killed and forty wounded."

"On October 15 and 16, five German airplanes were destroyed, four by our pilots, one by special cannon, in addition twenty enemy machines fell damaged within the German lines in the course of eight aerial combats."

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## DICTATORSHIP FOR GERMANY PROPOSED

Copenhagen, Oct. 17.—The Berlin correspondent of the Fremdenblatt, of Hamburg, discerns indications that forces actually are at work in the entourage of Chancellor Michaelis, with the thought of a military dictatorship, or at least with the idea of having the chancellor continue in office in defiance of the reichstag, supporting himself by military backing.

Conservative and socialist papers in Germany have been engaged in a controversy for some time on the subject of a dictatorship, but hitherto it had not seemed to be of such a nature that it should be taken seriously.

## HITTING AT GERMANY'S FOOD SUPPLY SOURCES.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Neutral nations must prepare to share in an even greater deprivation as a result of the decision of the recent allied conference in London. Details of the conference reaching here show the allies are determined to support the armies in the field by cutting off all supplies for the German army from neutral sources, through a tightening of the blockade, and compelling neutrals to furnish them with goods of their own production which they are not able to consume.

## NORWEGIAN STEAMER THEMIS SENT DOWN

Copenhagen, Oct. 17.—The Norwegian steamer Themis has been sunk in the Mediterranean, according to an announcement by the Norwegian foreign office received here today. All the members of the crew are missing. The Themis 7,402 tons gross, and 445 feet long, was built in Sunderland, England, in 1911 and owned in Tonsberg.

## BRITISH REPORT TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED AT BRUGES

London, Oct. 17.—Tons of bombs were dropped on the docks at Bruges, in Belgium, on Monday night, by British naval air planes. The British admiralty in a statement announcing the raid says:

"Naval aircraft dropped many tons of bombs on the Bruges docks on Monday night. On Tuesday, one of our fighting upatrols downed a double seater enemy machine in the vicinity of Zandvoort. The observer fell out and the machine turned over and fell in flames. All our machines returned."

## BRITISH LOSE 19 SHIPS PAST WEEK.

London, Oct. 17.—Twelve British merchant vessels of more than sixteen hundred tons, were sunk by mine or submarine last week, the admiralty announced. Six ships of under sixteen hundred tons and one fishing vessel was also sunk.

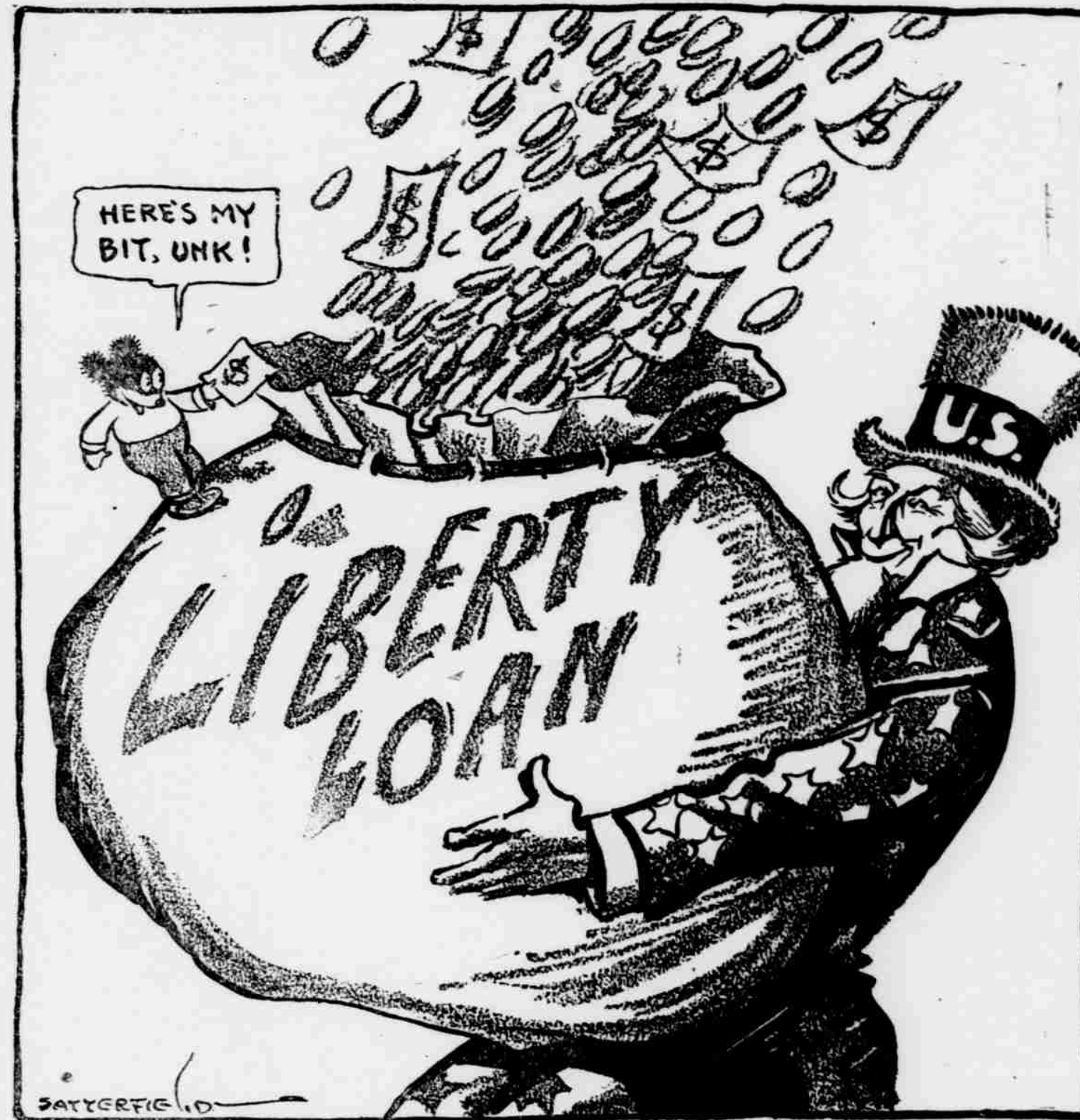


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